GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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AIDS VICTIMS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;MANJAY LAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National AIDS Control Organisation in its recent report has put the AIDS related deaths in India at 17,000;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps being taken to provide necessary treatment to AIDS victims and to stop the spread of this disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a),(b) &(c): No, Sir. The reported case of AIDS related deaths in India upto December, 2000is 1759. There is no cure for AIDS, however, the Government is providing treatment for opportunistic infection to AIDS patients free of cost in public sector hospitals to improve the longevity as well as quality of life. In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme. The main components consist of:-

- Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of targetpopulations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections etc.

- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness compaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care to people living with HIV/AIDS.

- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.

- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.